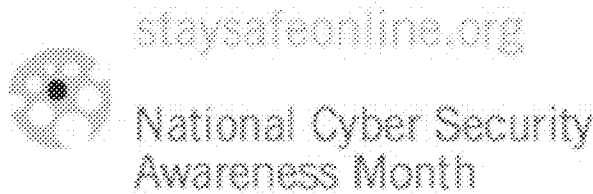


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## **Reminder - Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2012**

Confirm your commitment to staying safe online and show your state pride: Take the Cyber Pledge today.

EOHHS Information Security Office is helping to spread the word about Cyber Security Awareness Month next month.

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) has launched its annual Cyber Pledge contest to help raise awareness about staying safe online.

The contest takes place **September 10th through October 31st, 2012**. At the end of October, the state with the highest number of pledges will be recognized by MS-ISAC for their commitment to cyber security.

With this pledge, users will pledge to a set of "Best Practices" for computer and technology use.

The Pledge asks you to:

- Stop and think before connecting to the Internet
- Take personal responsibility for security, follow security policies, and adhere to sound security practices
- Never leave your computer unattended without locking your screen
- Safeguard portable computing equipment when in public places
- Create and use strong passwords and never share passwords with anyone

- Never leave a written password (sticky note, etc.) near a computer, or easily accessible area
- Report all Security incidents immediately to the security office or other appropriate contact
- Safeguard "sensitive data" as well as confidential and/or legally protected data from any inappropriate disclosure
- Work to keep staff, property and information safe and secure.
- Spread the message to friends, co-workers and the community about staying safe online!

**Thank you,**

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